

Hall of the House of Representatives
84th General Assembly - Second Extraordinary Session, 2003
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1059

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER SCHOOL LAW."

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 1059.

Amend House Bill No. 1059 as engrossed, H12/29/03 (version: 12-29-2003 08:37):

Add Representative King as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Add Senator Bryles as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 3, add a space between lines 26 and 27

AND

Page 4, delete lines 4 through 7 and substitute the following:

"(c) The state board may grant no more than a total of ~~twelve (12)~~ twenty-four (24) charters for open-enrollment charter schools, and no more than ~~three (3)~~ six (6) of such charters may be granted in any single congressional district in the state."

AND

Page 4, line 8, delete "~~(d)(1)~~ (c)" and substitute "~~(d)(1)~~"

AND

Delete Section 9 entirely

AND

Appropriately renumber the remaining sections

AND

Page 8, delete line 1, and substitute the following:



" U.S.C. § 142(a)(13), as in existence on January 1, 2003.

SECTION 11. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Supreme Court in Lake View School District No. 25 v. Huckabee, 351 Ark. 31 (2002) declared the current system of education in the state to be unconstitutional because it is both inequitable and inadequate; and the Arkansas Supreme Court set forth the test for a constitutional system to be one in which the state has an "absolute duty" to provide an "equal opportunity to an adequate education"; the Arkansas Supreme Court instructed the General Assembly to undertake actions as necessary to provide an opportunity for an adequate and equitable education for the children of Arkansas; and that charters schools are method by which the state may improve educational opportunities in the state; that it is necessary to immediately allow the State Board of Education the opportunity to extent the chartered of schools up for renewal shortly. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

- (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or
- (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Key
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TAT200 _____ Chief Clerk